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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## AMENDMENT

### In the Specification

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 17, lines 16-17, kindly delete the paragraph beginning with the words "Figure 8".

On page 19, lines 1-9, kindly replace the paragraph beginning "The invention" with the following paragraph:

B' --The invention is also useful to protect against allergens that contact the respiratory or ocular mucosal surfaces. Suitable ophthalmic agents which can be included in the compositions of the present invention and administered via the method of the present invention include, but are not limited to post-surgical antihypertensive agents, such as para-amino clonidine (apraclonidine); anti-infectives, such as ciprofloxacin; antimicrobials, such as cephalosporins and quinolones; non-steroidal and steroidal anti-inflammatories, such as suprofen, ketorolac and tetrahydrocortisol; prostaglandins; proteins; growth factors, such as EGF; immunosuppressant agents, and anti-allergics.

On page 36, kindly delete the second, third and fourth paragraphs at lines 4-19, which begin with "EXAMPLE 9" and end with "clear decrease in eye pressure."